

Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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November 2008

From the Selectmen's Office

November Recycling Pick-up Dates:

November 11 & 12 -- (Yes, they are picking up garbage and recycling on Veteran's Day.)
November 25 & 26

Northside Carting will now accept all tin and aluminum cans, all numbered plastics, glass, and paper; and these items can be comingled in one container. Cardboard still needs to be cut to no greater than 2 ft. x 2 ft. and bundled. They will not accept yard debris, building materials, or materials longer than 4 ft. in length.

Waste tonnage figures

	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Tons of mixed solid waste	120.34	135.70
Tons of recycled goods	21.96	28.14(17%)

The September figures include 4½ weeks of collection as there were 5 Tuesdays in September.

New Town Website

The Town's Website is finally up and running!! Please check it out at www.brentwoodnh.gov. It is still a work in progress so you'll see lots of changes coming as we "tweak" it to meet our needs.

*Julie Stevens,
Administrative Assistant*

Brentwood Fire Department

The Brentwood Fire Department had 26 emergency and 47 non-emergency calls in the month of October. The emergency calls consisted of 6 fire and 20 ambulance calls. The 47 service calls are broken down below:

- 19 hydrants flow-tested
- 18 fire prevention inspections
- 6 burn permit inspections
- 3 public assists
- 1 fire drill

Lt. A. Prina

Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive 2008

It's that time of year when we need to put our heads together for the 8th Annual Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive for needy families. I am asking for your help to find families that live in the Town of Brentwood, who may need a little extra help for the holidays.

We start the process by asking schools, churches and the Welfare Department to provide an application to those families that may need a little help. Everything is confidential. The families fill out the application and mail it to the Brentwood Fire Department, attention "Toy Drive." I am the only one who will see the names. Each family is listed as a "Letter" and I make up Christmas ornaments and distribute them to the Christmas trees that will be located at the Grace Ministries International Church and the Brentwood Town Office.

We then ask the residents of Brentwood to give a donation or pick an "Ornament" off the Christmas trees and return it unwrapped to one of the drop boxes which will be located at the Town Offices, Brentwood Country Store, Gymnastics at Brentwood Commons, Grace Ministries Church and the Brentwood Fire Department.

The economy is tough for all of us this year, so I am asking the families to pick items with a \$20.00 value or less. All donations are put towards un-purchased gifts and food baskets for the families.

Final drop off date will be Thursday, December 18, 2008. This will give Santa and his elves time to organize the gifts and arrange for the families to pick them up.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-944-0847. Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

*Donna M. Vadeboncoeur
Toy Drive Coordinator,
Brentwood Fire Department*

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14

Monday–Thursday 9:00-4:30

Tuesday evening 7:00-9:00

Friday 8:30-4:00

Saturday 9:00-12:00

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310

Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30

Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARYPhone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.netOn the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5

Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1

Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1

Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487

Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>**Notes from the Town Clerk**

- » Just a friendly reminder to bring your current Registrations for renewal, or the letter we mailed, as we no longer are receiving preprints.
- » The tax rate has not been set yet. Check our website for updates – www.brentwoodnh.gov.
- » I wish to thank all the many people who helped at the elections.

*Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk***Cub Scout Food Drive**

Brentwood's Cub Scouts once again ask your help in stocking the shelves of the Pilgrim Church food pantry. On November 1 Scouts will drop food collection bags at homes in their neighborhoods. Scouts will collect the filled bags on the morning of November 8.

If you do not receive a bag on November 1 and you would like to contribute, please call Kris Keenan at 778-6382. Thank you for your support of this important program. All donations benefit the food pantry of the Pilgrim Church in Brentwood.

*Kris Keenan for Pack 192***Swasey Book Fair November 17-18**

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Mega Book Fair. Twice as many book trucks as before for greater title selection. Mark your calendar for our Family Events where the whole family can join in the fun. And, you can contribute books to your child's classroom library. Feel free to browse the featured books below and create a wish list to bring with you. Don't miss this chance to light up a young reader's face with a good book! See you at the Book Fair!

Monday, Nov. 17

Student Preview 8:50AM-3:10PM

Family Night 5:30-7:30PM

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Student Purchase Day 8:50AM-3:10PM

Family Night 3:20-7:30PM

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Last time for purchasing 8:50-9:30AM

For more information and a preview of books, visit the Swasey Website -- <http://scs.sau16.org>.

*Cynthia Buckels***The October Mailing Crew**

Many thanks to the folks in the Pickpocket Road/Rowell Road neighborhood who prepared the October *Brentwood Newsletter* for mailing: Patti Andrews, Audrey Gerkin, Susan Medding, Ann Melendy, Julietta and Don Petterson, and Diantha Wade.

*Linda Rousseau, Editor***THE BRENTWOOD NEWSLETTER**

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Brentwood Recreation News

THANK YOU to those who volunteered to help with our Halloween Celebration, whether planning or cleaning up. The help was very much appreciated!

Red Cross Classes in Brentwood

If you're interested in taking a Red Cross CPR or First Aid Class, please call the office or check online at www.greatbayredcross.org for the schedule of classes in Brentwood. At this time, the schedule for November and December still needs to be finalized, but there is an evening class in the works as well as another daytime class. Each class individually costs \$45, but there is a substantial discount if you enroll for more than one class. You may enroll by calling (603) 766-5440, or online at www.greatbayredcross.org under Health and Safety Classes, at the Brentwood location.

Youth Basketball

Basketball registrations for Grades K-8 are available outside my office door, as well as via email (if you email me and ask for one ☺). Cost is \$40 per child, with a maximum of \$80 per family. (This cost went up \$5 per child this year, due to added costs in gym space rentals). Practices will start in November or December for most teams, and games will run January through March. We also need coaches! **Deadline for signups** will be noon on **Thursday, November 13**. No late signups, no excuses, no exceptions. Mandatory Coaches meeting will be Thursday, November 20, 7pm.

Ladies' Night

Due to decreased interest, Ladies' Game Night has been cancelled. If anyone has interest in this starting back up, or any new ideas for similar programs, please feel free to call Jessica at the Rec Office to discuss.

Babe Ruth

The Recreation Commission is inviting any and all Brentwood residents with an interest in Babe Ruth Baseball to attend our meeting on November 18 at 7:30pm. At our October meeting, we decided unanimously to transition from Lamprey River League to the Great Bay League. We will be discussing whether to move into the Great Bay League as an individual team or to merge with Exeter as we have done with Little League on the 18th. Please join us.

Basketball Sponsors

We're looking for some local businesses to help out our basketball program this year by sponsoring a team! Sign up to sponsor one team for \$125.00 and your business name will be put on the back of the team t-shirts. Call Jessica for more information. T-shirts will be ordered in mid-November, so be sure to sign up soon if you're interested!

Water Country tickets would make great Christmas presents! Tickets are still \$25, never expire, and are available at the Town Clerk's window and the Rec Office. Water Country raises prices nearly every year, so this may be your last chance for such a low price on tickets. Get a head start on your plans for next summer!

We are very excited to present our new "**Brentwood Recreation Area & Community Center**" sign that has been installed in front of the BCC! Ron Reedy of Reedy Signs in Exeter created the sign, and it is beautiful. We will have a reader board underneath it as well for important news and events. Thank you, Ron!

If anyone is looking for some community service hours, or just likes to organize things, we would love to have some **help organizing all of our sports equipment!** It's a task that has been worked on but not completed, so if you'd like to volunteer a few hours of time to assist, please call Jessica.

***Jessica Pimental**, Recreation Director*

642-6400 ext. 20

recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

Office hours: Mon. & Thurs. 8:30-1:30 Tues. noon-8:30pm

Club UnderALLS TEEN DANCE CLUB

Club UnderALLS celebrated Halloween on October 24. We had a good turnout. With a Halloween theme, decorations and candy treats it was a great night.

In addition we had two members celebrating their birthdays with us. Happy Birthday to Heather and Casey!! Thank you for letting Club UnderALLS share this special event with you and your friends.

We have two dances remaining for this year. Mark your calendars. The 2009 schedule will be published soon.

**November 14, 2008 – Winter Wonderland
December 12, 2008 – Christmas Party**

The next mailing of post cards will be the first week in November. If you would like to be on our mailing list send an email to info@clubunderalls.com. Be sure to check out the photos from previous dances on the website. Birthday Parties welcome. Call Michele for details and special pricing. Club Memberships and T-shirts are available for purchase.

If there are any questions feel free to contact Michele at 603-702-1523, email at info@clubunderalls.com or check out the website www.clubunderalls.com.

Thanks to all of the parents, grandparents and siblings for driving your teens to Club UnderALLS. We truly appreciate your support.

Michele Whitehouse

Recipe Exchange Night -- Holiday Cooking & Healthy Winter Meals

A special Recipe Exchange, with a focus on holiday cooking and healthy winter meals, will be sponsored by the Willow Pond Community Farm on **Wednesday, November 19, 7:00pm at the Mary E. Bartlett Library in Brentwood.**

We will provide snacks, and plenty of cookbooks to peruse. Please bring along a few of your favorite recipes and food preservation tips to share with the group. This get-together is open to all residents and friends, as well as CSA members. All are welcome. For further information call Joyce Keegal, 642-3892.

Joyce Keegal

Report from Your State Representative

I've continued working on a bill to make it mandatory that New Hampshire high schools include elements of financial literacy in the 1/2-credit unit of economics that is required for graduation. The Office of Legislative Services, which puts legislators' proposals into legislative language, gave me a draft bill October 28, and I have sent it to interested parties for their thoughts. The draft bill and my rationale for putting it before the House of Representatives can be seen on my blog (<http://staterepreport.blogspot.com>).

New Hampshire remains the only state in the union that does not mandate that adults use seat belts in motor vehicles. That is a source of perplexity for some and a source of pride for others in our state. Those who oppose a seat belt law say we are doing quite well as it is without state intervention. Seat belt usage in New Hampshire has gone up to 69 percent (as opposed to the national average of 83 percent), up from 63.5 percent a few years ago.

On the other side of the issue, data show that in New Hampshire unbelted crash victims were four times as likely to be killed in crashes than those wearing seat belts. The unbelted were 20 times more likely to be ejected and those who were ejected were 11 times more likely to suffer a traumatic brain injury. The greater incidence of serious injuries results in increased use of emergency and medical services and higher overall health costs and higher insurance premiums. With a rise to the 83 percent level, ten lives would be saved, there would be 213 fewer serious injuries, and a saving of \$48 million in health costs. Moreover, a higher usage rate than the 83% national average would be possible, with consequently even more favorable statistics in fatalities, injuries, and medical costs.

In 2007 the House passed a seat belt law by a 153-140 vote, but the bill failed in the Senate by a 16 to 8 margin. The live free or die argument prevailed over the fact that increased seat belt usage would save lives

and reduce medical costs. Libertarians and the NH Civil Liberties Union lobbied hard against the bill, and grass roots opposition was more vocal than grass roots support. Some Democratic senators felt that a seat belt law would create a perception of too much too soon, inasmuch as laws banning smoking in public places, approving civil unions of gay couples, and restrictions on use of lead paint preceded the vote on seat belts.

The legislature did, however, agree on the formation of a seat belt commission. When it completed its work, a majority of the commission recommended a primary seat belt law, while support for increased education was unanimous. The minority charged that the commission was overloaded with seat belt usage supporters.

The New Hampshire Seat Belt Coalition, formed in 2005 to promote seat belt usage, is continuing its support for a seat belt law. Members of the coalition include four state senators and fifteen representatives, myself included. Among the organizations belonging to the coalition are the Association of NH Chiefs of Police, NH Sheriffs Association, NH Association of Police, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, four insurance companies, the AAA, ten different medical associations, the NH Safety Board, NH Transportation Safety Board, NH Safety Board, and many others.

A seat belt bill will be introduced in the next session of the legislature. We will see a repeat of impassioned arguments from advocates of both sides of the issue. It is not at all certain that the House will again vote in favor of a seat belt law. In 2007, 118 Democrats voted for the bill, 35 against; 115 Republicans favored the bill, 25 opposed it. Some 40 incumbent representatives are not running for re-election this year, and some incumbents will lose their reelection bids. Thus the makeup of the House when it reconvenes in January is uncertain, and even if the Democrats maintain their majority, it is not axiomatic that the seat belt bill will pass. The fate of the bill could well once again lie in the hands of the senators. And the makeup of the new Senate is also uncertain.

Don Petterson

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e-mail: donpetterson@gmail.com

Blog: <http://staterepreport.blogspot.com>

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and neighbors of Walter Belkovicz of Kadra Street, who died October 14 at age 92. He had been a resident of Brentwood since 1971. He served in the U.S. Army and was later a postal worker on the Boston & Maine Railroad. He was noted for his kindness to all, and will be long remembered by those who knew him.

Trails Committee Fundraising to Replace Old Haigh Road Bridge

The Trails Committee is again holding a fundraising event, a raffle. Proceeds will go towards replacing the Old Haigh Road bridge. This year the committee is raffling:



» **A handmade 47" x 47" quilt.** This quilt, made with 100% cotton designer fabrics and thread, was constructed by 'fussy cutting' the fabrics – a method where specific motifs are cut from the fabric and joined to make a larger design. It has a hand-tacked double binding, with all work (piecing, quilting and binding) done by the maker, a Brentwood resident, who has signed and dated it.

» **"Sailboat by Lighthouse – Whaleback Lighthouse, Maine"** -- color photograph, 14" x 11" including matting; by Reid Bunker of Brentwood

» **"Frozen Sunset"** -- color photograph, also by Reid Bunker. 14" x 11" with matting; photograph taken in Brentwood.

» **Hockey puck signed by Hockey Hall of Famer Johnny "Chief" Bucyk.** As of 2008, Bucyk has been a member of the Boston Bruins' organization for an unprecedented fifty years. The puck comes in a protective case.

» **A signed copy of the book *Dream Cycles* by Dusty Bunker of Brentwood.** Ms. Bunker is an internationally recognized numerologist and author of five books. *Dream Cycles* offers a new and exciting approach to dream interpretation.

Some cards from last year's fundraiser are still available. Raffle tickets will be available at the Library, the Brentwood Gathering, the Recreation Department at the Town Office Building, and at Brentwood Country Animal Hospital. The quilt was displayed at the library in October.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The winners will be drawn in December in time for the holidays. And the winners will choose from the prizes remaining as their names are drawn.

The Committee helps to monitor and maintain trails. It is looking for bridge project volunteers, donation of materials and funds, and equipment such as tractors and a backhoe to transport and place materials so we can complete the bridge.

Please contact Debbie Briscoe at 778-3987 if you are interested in the raffle or helping with the bridge.

Karen Ellis

Swasey Parent Faculty Group

Congratulations to Deanna Markey, our new President!

The next meeting is **Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the staff room (the location has changed to accommodate the Book Fair). We are excited to see so many new members and it is never too late to come to a meeting. Whether you attend one or all of the meetings YOU can make a difference! At the November meeting we will be raffling a Preferred Parking spot for the Grandfriends' Day Celebration. Past winners of meeting raffles are Bethany Constance who won a gas card at the September meeting and Kim Denman who won a Genevieve gift basket at the October meeting.

A big thank you to Heather Mason Herod from NH Public Television for presenting *Live Fit NH* at the October meeting. *Live Fit NH* is a free health program that incorporates exercise, nutrition and healthy habits in fun and inexpensive ways. Heather had several hand-outs and ideas for creating new healthy habits for your family. If you are interested in learning more about the program visit www.nhptv.org/livefitnh you can find a host of free resources to use with your family.

Swasey Clothing Line is coming back! Be sure to check the November 5 Wednesday folder for information and remember to place your order by Friday, November 21.

Clip those **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**. Last year we collected enough BOX TOPS to purchase 2 pottery wheels for the art program and this year our goal is to raise enough to purchase a new sound system for the school. Please send in your box tops to the school or drop them off at the Bartlett Library. Go to www.boxtops4education.com for more information. Remind your Grandfriends to bring their BOX-TOPS to the Grandfriends' Day Celebration on Tuesday, November 25.

Check out the PFG website! --<http://swaseypfg.pbwiki.com/>

Pam Carr

Friends of the Library

I have to start off this month's article with a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all who were involved with **The Brentwood Gathering Craft Fair** on October 18. I had the pleasure of organizing the event this year and as such I have some people to thank. First and foremost, thanks to Niki Reed and Sue Mitchell for helping me attend to all of the details it took to make this event a success. They may deny it, but they were invaluable! I would also like to thank those who helped make signs, provide baked goods, help with set-up and clean-up, sell raffle tickets and work in the kitchen: Susan Kopecky, Tracie May, Marie Callery, Martha Clark, Alison Hardisty, Sue Meissner, Cheryl Scott, Kathy Upson, Heather Arkell, Reid Bunker, Michelle Chute, Dave Gibson, Bea Matheson, Ian Matheson, Megan Reed, Emily Wichland, Jen Wichland and Mike Yacino. There were additional baked goods delivered and I am not sure by whom. If you delivered baked goods and I have not mentioned you by name, I apologize. Please know that we do appreciate your contribution.

I would also like to thank The Green Bean, Brentwood Country Store, Sam's Club, Shaw's Supermarket and Al & Sharon Franklin for supplying us with food at prices that allowed us to make a profit! And thanks to Diantha Wade and Churchill's for providing beautiful fall flowers and decorations. And thanks, too, to Buxton Oil and Brentwood Machine for advertising our event on their marquees.

I want to thank our vendors for spending the day with us. After all, without them it would not have been much of fair at all! We had over 35 tables of crafters with a wide variety of handmade items -- offering something for just about everyone.

I cannot forget to thank all of you who came to support our vendors and the Friends of the Library. That is part of what makes living in this small town community so rewarding. I received a lot of positive feedback about the Fair from both vendors and customers. If you have a comment or suggestion, please feel free to email it to marybartlett76@yahoo.com or drop it by the library.

Our next **Friends Meeting** will be on **Thursday, December 4** at 9:30 am at the Library. We always welcome new faces and fresh ideas. Please join us on December 4 to offer your suggestions. Our meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday of the month at the Library at 9:30 am.

Our librarians will be setting up the **Christmas Craft Fair** in early November. This fair is an opportunity for local crafters to display their items at the Library through the holiday season. If you are a crafter, it's a no-brainer! All you have to do is drop off your items and pick them up when the fair is over. The librarians arrange everything, collect the money and pack it all up. All we ask for is 25% of your sales -- money that will be used solely to purchase children's books. If you have crafts you would like to put up for sale, please call the

library at 642-3355. And remember, only handmade items, please. Nothing commercially produced.

Our wonderful weaver -- Dave Gibson -- has offered us another **Nantucket Basket** to raffle off this year. If you haven't seen the amazing work he does, check out the basket on the counter at the library. It is wonderful and we are so grateful to Dave for donating another of his beautiful creations.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 6**. This is the day we will welcome **Santa** to our library to talk and spend time with our children. *We strongly encourage you to bring your own cameras this year.* In the past we have provided Polaroid pictures for everyone. However, the cost of the film has risen dramatically, so we will not be doing that this year. We will have a digital camera on hand for those who don't have a camera, but you may have to wait a bit while we print the pictures. If you bring your own camera, we will be happy to provide the opportunity for a wonderful photo with Santa!

There will be plenty more going on at the Library this month, so check Mrs. Morehead's library article or the beautiful event boards at the library.

I want to mention our annual **Membership Drive**. Letters will be mailed out in November and I am pleased to tell you that our Benefactor is at it again! That's right, we have another challenge to Brentwood residents to meet our Benefactor's \$2000 donation. Last year we beat him -- let's do it again! There are a lot of programs we want to offer next year, and we will be able to do it with your help in raising these funds.

When I sat down to write this, I didn't think I would have so much to say! But since I did I am going to omit the complete listing of pass programs this month. You know they are there and you know they offer reduced admission to a whole bunch of fun places, so I encourage you to check out what is available. On the front table at the library, there is a box of file folders, one for each pass location. There are lots of extra activities planned at this time of year and we would love for you to take advantage of as many as you can squeeze into your schedule! So the next time you are in the library, take a peek and see what might interest you and your family. It just may be the start of a new holiday tradition.

Michelle Siudut, Publicity

Birth

Ned and Pamela Frederick of Haigh Road are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Edward Lee Frederick. Teddy was born on September 21, 2008, in Washington, DC, to the Fredericks' son, Bryan Frederick, and their daughter-in-law, Sharon Y. Lee. The new family resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

"Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half times take twelve minutes. This is not a coincidence." For all of you who produce such delightful dinners, this quote by Erma Bombeck might prove to be enough to prod you to just forget about the turkey and trimmings and just present a sandwich tray for the game watchers. If you still feel that you really want to baste that turkey, peel those vegetables and roll out those pie crusts we have some terrific new cookbooks for your creative cooking enjoyment.

All of us are well aware that the price of gas, food and practically everything else is increasing, but there is one place in town where you can get a whole lot for absolutely no cost. Are you aware that we have DVDs, CDs, a Downloadable Audio Book program, online databases, public use computers, and passes to a number of museums and other places, as well as interesting and informative programs for both adults and children, Ladies Night at the Movies and Friday Night Flicks? The latest books and many magazines are also available for your reading enjoyment, and anything we do not have we can readily get for you through interlibrary loan. A whole lot for not one red cent!

We have two **Friday Night Flicks** this month. *Sleeping Beauty* (G) will be presented on **November 7** and *Kung Fu Panda* (PG) on **November 21, both at 7:00 p.m.** You know the drill...bring your own drinks and we will provide the popcorn.

The Englishman Who Went up the Hill and Came Down the Mountain is this month's PG choice for **Ladies Night at the Movies on Wednesday evening, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

"**Wacky Songs that Made Us Laugh**" with presenter Calvin Knickerbocker will be presented on Thursday evening, **November 20 at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone needs comic relief, and songs provide some of the very best examples of humor. This program follows the evolution of humorous song from the 1920's to the present. Join us for a laugh or two and goodies as usual. We thank the New Hampshire Humanities Council for their Humanities to Go program which provides funding for these terrific programs.

"One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World: The Geography of Bliss" by Eric Weinger is this month's choice for the **book discussion on Monday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.** This should be one more instance of the light relief we hope to provide.

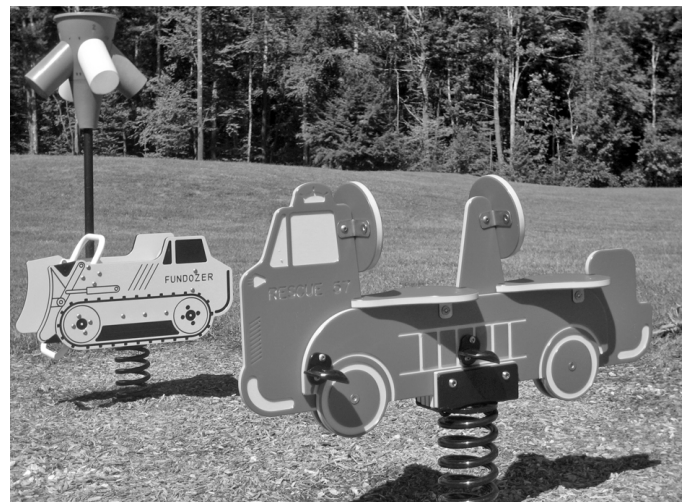
Happy Thanksgiving!

Marilyn Morehead, Library Director

Two Donations to the Swasey School Grounds



The Brentwood School Board thanks Ken and Danielle Lambert and their organization, Keep Sound Minds (www.KeepSoundMinds.org), for the generous donation made to Swasey Central School in loving memory of their children, Kaleigh and Shane. The staff and students are enthralled with the new globe that has been placed in the courtyard and excited about the fire truck and dozer which have been added to the east playground.



Grace Ministries International's 12th Annual Christmas Tea Dec. 5

On **Friday, Dec. 5, 2008**, from **7-9 P.M.**, Grace Ministries International will hold their 12th Annual Christmas Tea. This elegant event includes holiday entertainment, wonderful raffle prizes, and an opportunity to share an elegant evening with family, friends and neighbors. The general public is warmly invited to attend, and there are still a few tables left for anyone who might be interested in being a hostess. Tickets are \$20.00 each if you would like to be a guest at the Tea. GMI is located at 263 Route 125 in Brentwood, NH, across from Bessie's restaurant. For more information, please leave a message for Christine Waniak at 603-642-7848.

Christmas Fair at Pilgrim Church

It's that time of year again. **Pilgrim Church** will be holding its **Annual Christmas Fair** on **Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm**. There will be good food and the joyous, live music of the season. The craft tables will feature novelty gifts, some from foreign lands. Sweet treats will be available from both our Bake Table and the Cookie Walk. There will be a Christmas Boutique with both new and vintage holiday items. Jigsaw puzzles and our ever popular Attic Treasures will be on sale. And don't miss our fabulous luncheon that includes Lobster Rolls, Chicken Salad, Corn Chowder, and Chili.

Special Events: Story Time for adults featuring readings from by-gone days at 10:30. A Story Time for children at 10:30 and an opportunity for them to make a craft gift for their family members. Come and join in the spirit of the season.

Bluegrass Christmas Concert

There will be a **Bluegrass Christmas Concert** on **Saturday, December 6** at the **Pilgrim UCC** Brentwood-Kingston **Church**, 197 Middle Road (Route 111A). The **doors will open at 6:45**, and the program will begin at **7:30 p.m.**

The Bluegrass Christmas Concert will feature Rick Lang & Friends -- Dave Dick, Roger Williams, Bob Dick, and Karen Lincoln Wilber -- and The Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band, plus special guest Amy Gallatin.

The concert will feature music from the acclaimed Christmas recording "The Season of My Heart" by Rick Lang & Friends (composed by Rick Lang), as well as Bob Dick's solo Bluegrass Christmas CD "Tidings of Comfort and Joy," performed by The Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door (children under 12 at half price). All seating is general admission only. Tickets are available at: Pilgrim Church,

778-3189; Acoustic Outfitters, Stratham, 778-9711; and Highland Hardwoods, Route 125, 679-1230.

Brentwood Historical Society

Members, visitors and friends had a fascinating and rewarding evening at the Historical Society's October 9th meeting. Will and Joya Clark of Concord, both veteran members of the American Society of Dowsers, explained and demonstrated many facets of the ancient practice of dowsing. They showed a slide of a dowser in a cave painting that is dated at 4000 B.C. As the listeners tested and discovered their own energy fields and abilities, quite a few purchased books, rods and pendulums to help them explore further.

The next meeting will bring a change of pace. Carl Lindblade, a veteran of the hotel, resort, and tourism industry, will be the guest speaker at the meeting on **Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, 140 Crawley Falls Road**. His topic will be on the lighthearted side: "New Hampshire – A State of Mind." A humorous look at New Hampshire from the days of King George III to the present, his talk will highlight colonial days, New Hampshire political traditions and culture, with a wealth of stories about the 24 grand resort hotels of the White Mountain area.

Carl began his hotel career at The Balsams and for the past forty years has operated 3- and 4-diamond hotels and resorts. He has received several awards. He is now a lecturer in the Hospitality Dept. of the UNH Whittemore School of Business and Economics, and comes to Brentwood through the UNH Speakers Bureau.

The public is welcome at all meetings of the Historical Society. For more information call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635.

Linda Rousseau, for the Historical Society

Brentwood Gardeners

Our meetings *usually* take place at 7 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month and we meet at the Community Center. This month, due to Thanksgiving, our meeting will be **Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 pm**. Word has it that one of our members will be presenting a bonsai demonstration.

If you would like more information or have any questions please send an email to brentwoodgardeners@yahoo.com!

Michelle Siudut, Secretary

Brentwood Seniors

The Seniors will meet for luncheon at The Old Salt in Hampton on **Wednesday, November 12, at 11:30 am**. For questions about menu or payment, call Marion Arkell, 772-6314.

Vintage Vehicles



A crisp, sunny morning on October 18 brought even more vehicles and viewers to the Historical Society's "Vintage Vehicle Day" than the first event last year. In the photo at left, the lineup included a 1966 Ford Mustang Fastback, a 1955 Jaguar XK 140 MC, a 1954 MG TF, and a 1941 Lincoln Continental. At right, Doug Cowie, coordinator of the event, is shown by the display of old auto accessories in the museum. Theresa Sherry, vice president of the Historical Society, stands by to greet visitors and answer questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 7 **Holiday Fair – 5:30 – 8:00 pm**, Baptist Church vestry, corner North Rd. & Rte. 125
Friday Flick – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. “Sleeping Beauty.”
- Nov. 8 **Holiday Fair – 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**, Baptist Church vestry, corner North Rd. & Rte. 125
- Nov. 10 School Board meeting – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library
- Nov. 11 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Nov. 12 Brentwood Seniors – 11:30 am, meet at the Old Salt, Hampton, for luncheon
Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Auxiliary – 7:00 pm, Fire Hall
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, Library, “The Englishman Who Went Up the Hill...”
- Nov. 13 Historical Society – 7:30 pm, Brentwood Museum, “**New Hampshire – A State of Mind,**”
Carl Lindblade, speaker.
- Nov. 14 **Club UnderALLS teen dance – 7:00-10:00 pm, Community Center**
- Nov. 17-19 **Swasey School Book Fair**. See page 2 for details.
- Nov. 17 Library Trustees – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Nov. 18 Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Staff Room
Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office
- Nov. 19 **Recipe Exchange – 7:00 pm, Library. “Holiday Cooking & Healthy Winter Meals”**
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Community Center
- Nov. 20 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Calvin Knickerbocker, speaker – 7:00 pm, Library. “Wacky Songs that Made Us Laugh”
- Nov. 21 **Friday Flick – 7:00 pm, Library. “Kung Fu Panda.”**
- Nov. 24 Book Discussion group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Nov. 25 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission – 7:00 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- Dec. 1 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:30 pm, Firehouse
- Dec. 2 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Dec. 3 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Dec. 4 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Dec. 5 **Grace Ministries International Christmas Tea - 7-9 pm**, GMI church, Rte. 125.
- Dec. 6 **Pilgrim Church Christmas Fair – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**, Pilgrim Church, Middle Road
Bluegrass Christmas Concert – 7:30 pm, Pilgrim Church

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